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BORDER ISSUE

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1. A MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN SEPTEMBER 17 LABELLED AS "TOTALLY INCORRECT" PRESS REPORTS THAT THE PRC HAD SENT ANY "SIGNALS" SEEKING RECONCILIATION ON THE BORDER DISPUTE (REFTEL). THE SPOKESMAN DENIED THAT INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, K.R. NARAYANAN, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, HAD SUBMITTED A CHINESE PROPOSAL TO THE PRIME MINISTER. DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS NARAYANAN HAD BEEN ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF THERE WERE ANY PROPOSALS "FORMAL, INFORMAL OR CASUAL" FROM THE CHINESE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, AND THE AMBASSADOR HAD REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO DENIED THAT INDIA WAS SEEKING THE MEDIATION OF ANY THIRD COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE US, NOTING THAT SUCH MEDIATION WAS UNNECESSARY SINCE DIRECT CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WERE AVAILABLE.

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2. FURTHER DELHI PRESS REPORTS REVEAL THAT THE TIMES OF INDIA ARTICLE CITED REFTEL WAS BASED UPON A WASHINGTON STAR STORY. THE STORY IN THE STAR REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT THE CHINESE PROPOSAL TO THE INDIANS WAS TO REVISE THE COMPROMISE FIRST SUGGESTED BY CHOU EN-LAI IN 1960 THAT EACH SIDE KEEP THE TERRITORIES IT HELD AND SIGN A BORDER TREATY

ON THAT BASIS.

3. ASKED ABOUT THE PRESS REPORTS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN
LUCKNOW SEPTEMBER 18, PRIME MINISTER DESAI CONFIRMED THAT
INDIA HAD RECEIVED NO PROPOSAL FROM THE CHINESE BUT WOULD
GIVE SUCH A PROPOSAL CONSIDERATION IF ONE WERE RECEIVED.
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